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SUBJECT: TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL MEETING OF INTERNATIONAL
NORTH PACIFIC FISHERIES COMMISSION, NOV 4-8, 1974, SEATTLE

1. PLEASE CONVEY TO GOJ US DESIRE TO DISCUSS FOLLOWING
ISSUES AT FORTHCOMING ANNUAL MEETING OF INPFC, NOV 4-8,
SEATTLE.

A. US WILL SEEK ASSURANCES THAT JAPAN WILL REGULATE
ITS SALMON FISHERY IN 1975 IN A MANNER DESIGNED TO PROVIDE

MAXIMUM PROTECTION TO BRISTOL BAY SALMON AND OTHER SALMON
OF NORTH AMERICAN ORIGIN.

B. US WILL ALSO SEEK ASSURANCES THAT JAPAN WILL REGULATE
ITS SALMON FISHERY TO PREVENT CONTINUING VIOLATIONS OF
CONVENTION AND OTHER REGULATIONS AND COMMITMENTS. IN
ADDITION, WE WILL WISH TO DISCUSS PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH
OPERATION OF LANDBASED GILLNET FISHERY.

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C. PRESENT ARRANGEMENTS TO PROTECT HALIBUT ARE CONSIDERED TO BE LESS THAN SATISFACTORY. WE WILL SUGGEST ADDITIONAL MEASURES TO PROVIDE INCREASED PROTECTION TO HALIBUT BY ESTABLISHING NEW OR EXPANDING EXISTING CLOSED AREAS IN TIME AND SPACE. SPECIFICS WILL BE PROVIDED AT MEETING.

D. US HAS PROPOSED INCLUSION OF ITEM, "CONSIDERATION OF STOCKS OTHER THAN HALIBUT IN EASTERN BERING SEA", IN COMMISSION'S AGENDA (AGENDA ITEM 12). WE ARE SERIOUSLY CONCERNED OVER IMPACT OF TRAWLING ON STOCKS OTHER THAN HALIBUT AND WILL PROPOSE SPECIFIC MEASURES AT MEETING TO PROTECT THOSE STOCKS.

E. TOTAL FOREIGN FISHING EFFORT IN CONVENTION WATERS HAS INCREASED TO LEVELS WHICH US CONSIDERS EXCESSIVE. ACCORDINGLY, US HAS PROPOSED A SECOND, SEPARATE ITEM (AGENDA ITEM 17) TO DISCUSS THIS MATTER AND WILL PRESENT SPECIFIC PROPOSALS AT MEETING TO PROTECT DECLINING STOCKS IN BOTH NORTHEAST PACIFIC AND IN EASTERN BERING SEA.

F. US VIEWS WITH CONCERN CERTAIN JAPANESE PRACTICES IN DATA COLLECTION. FIRM ASSURANCES WILL BE SOUGHT FROM GOJ THAT IMPROVEMENTS WILL BE MADE IN COLLECTION OF ADEQUATE AND ACCURATE CRAB DATA.

G. WITH RESPECT TO COLLECTION OF SALMON STATISTICS, WE BELIEVE DATA SHOULD BE REFINED SO AS TO PROVIDE BETTER INFORMATION ON CONTINENTAL ORIGIN OF SALMON TAKEN BY JAPANESE FISHING VESSELS.

H. DATA COLLECTED BY US OBSERVERS PLACED ON BOARD JAPANESE VESSELS HAVE PROVIDED VALUABLE SCIENTIFIC INFORMATION ON CONDITION OF STOCKS. WE APPRECIATE COOPERATION EXTENDED BY GOJ AND JAPANESE FISHING COMPANIES AND WILL REQUEST CONTINUATION OF OBSERVER PROGRAM.

I. IN ADDITION TO ABOVE SUBJECTS, WE MAY RAISE AT MEETING OTHER CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT PROBLEMS.

2. FOR OTTAWA: PLEASE PASS SUBSTANCE TO DR. M. SHEPARD, FISHERIES AND MARINE SERVICE, DEPT OF ENVIRONMENT. AT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DISCUSSIONS HELD BETWEEN GOC AND USG IN OTTAWA OCTOBER 7, WE AGREED TO INFORM GOC OF SUBJECTS WE WOULD PROPOSE FOR DISCUSSION AT INPFC. KISSINGER

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